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Group Art Unit: 2137

Examiner: Matthew Smithers

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicant : Masayoshi OONO )

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**RESPONSE**

January 21, 2005

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Sir:

Applicant responds as follows to the Examiner's Action dated September 22, 2005,  
a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time being submitted herewith:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by  
each of *Ramsey Catan*, *Uberti* and *Montross*. The rejections respectfully are traversed.

Each of the three references is a US patent or published patent application having a  
filing date earlier than the filing date of the present application but later than the filing date  
of applicant's corresponding Japanese patent application, JP2000-50855, of which foreign  
priority is claimed under 35 USC §119. In the Action, the Examiner states that a certified  
copy of JP2000-50855 had not yet been submitted. During a telephone conference with the  
Examiner on October 14, 2004, the applicant's undersigned attorney pointed out that a  
certified copy of the priority application was in fact filed together with the application on  
December 29, 2000. During the telephone conference, which was summarized by the

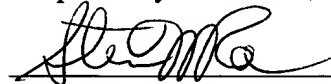
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Examiner in an Interview Summary mailed October 21, 2004, the Examiner acknowledged receipt of the certified copy. The Interview Summary further notes that a verified translation of the priority application JP2000-50855, which would perfect the priority claim and permit the applicant to overcome the prior art rejections in the Action, had not yet been submitted. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for his kindness and helpfulness during the telephone conference.

Therefore, in order to obviate the prior art rejections, the applicant submits herewith a verified English translation of the Japanese priority application, JP2000-50855. As the Examiner can determine for himself, the translation evidences that the priority application fully discloses the present invention and therefore supports the claims 1-7 of the present application. Therefore, in view of the above, the three references relied upon for the rejection of claims 1-7 do not constitute prior art, since their filing dates fall after the priority date under 35 USC §119, and the rejection accordingly should be withdrawn.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 1-7, earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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